



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Alderholt Parish Council
Committee Room, Alderholt Village Hall
7.00pm Monday 10th October 2016**

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PRESENT; Cllr G Logan (Chairman and Alderholt East Dorset District Councillor)
Cllr A Hibberd
Cllr K Murton
Cllr J Simcock
Cllr M Smethers
Cllr D Tooke
Cllr J Walker
Mrs M Humby Clerk
Dorset County Councillor Steve Butler
3 members of the public

APOLOGIES; Cllr Lynn Evans

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN INCLUDING HOUSEKEEPING

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of fire procedures for escape in the event of a fire.

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TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND/OR CONSIDER THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

No pecuniary interests were declared nor dispensations requested.

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TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Cllrs unanimously resolved to agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 12th September 2016 as a correct record of that meeting. They were then signed by the Chairman.

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TO REVIEW OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM LAST MONTH

All items from last month's meeting are completed, on the agenda as a separate item or listed below;

<i>Original Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Owner(s)</i>	<i>Action-ongoing/outstanding</i>
13 th June	Parking at Charing Cross	Cllrs	Ongoing- problems with congestion at Charing Cross – to be monitored once new houses are sold

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11 th July	Trees planted by St James' Church at Rec ground	AH	Relocate 3 healthiest trees to MUGA mound in liaison with ARA-in Autumn
11 th July	Request for Table Tennis Table	MH/DT DT (min 159/16)	Liaise together to update on APC reserve funds & what's req'd Liaise with resident and report back to meeting with proposal
12 th September	Maintenance of Noticeboard	KB/GL/KM	Osmo Oil to be ordered and GL/KM to carry out maintenance.
12 th September	Chapel Community Day 8th October	Cllrs	Cllrs to report back items for their area-limited feedback received-items passed on; cleaning pathway by Reading Rooms and weeding throughout village
12 th September	Ranger Duties	DT	Risk assessment plan to be forwarded to clerk once details confirmed with Rangers team
12 th September	Curtains in Office	KB KM	Request Village Hall to confirm that curtains are fireproof- email received Cllr Murton has agreed to put them back up
12 th September	Purchase Solar Panels for SID poles	MH/MS	To be purchased upon confirmation from Cllr Smethers

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TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S/CLERKS REPORT

Clerks report-attached to minutes

Cllrs unanimously agreed that on the recommendation of Cranborne Estate, the village Christmas Tree is chosen earlier (October). Cllrs Logan and Murton to be responsible for this and to organise decoration of it with the lights when it is delivered in December.

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TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Butler reported on the following;

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- The Local Gov't Reorganisation Consultation (covered later in this meeting)
- DCC are working more closely with the NHS on joint commissioning to improve efficiency and budgets

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TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Logan's reported that she had received no more complaints about waste/recycling collections so hopefully this is all working well now.

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PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were 3 members of the public present. Various points were discussed with the following requiring action;

- The hedge on the corner of Station Road/Ringwood Road requires cutting back-office to action
- The telephone box at the village hall is to be removed by BT. Norman Jones requested that APC ask BT to keep it in situ to be used for the village defibrillator. Cllr Butler advised that the clerk at Wimborne St Giles had details of this as they had done the same. **Cllrs agreed that the clerk should request this**
- Concerns were raised over the large amount of time the PC spent on discussing the recreation ground of which it was felt the ARA should be dealing with these issues as leaseholder. **Noted**
- Concerns over the additional services being put on Parish Councils from District and County Council. Cllr Butler explained about the constraint on budgets and the devolution of non essential services

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FINANCE

1. Cllrs unanimously agreed to sanction the following payments;

PAYMENTS FOR SANCTION

Alderholt village Hall rental 1st qtr sep16-feb 17	2250.00
McPhersons quantity surveyor	540.00
Assist Business IT Ltd-It issues x 2 visits	108.00
Vision ICT Website hosting and support Dec16-Nov17	240.00
Vision ICT Website Biennial fee webhosting Dec16-Nov18	66.00
Relph Ross Architects	907.59
Soho Commercial Ltd- Grit bin stickers	48.00
War on Waste-dog bin emptying	121.20

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR SANCTION	4280.79
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CREDITS



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Co Op Interest- current a/c -Sept	0.32
Allotment rent Payment 1	375.00
Allotment rent Payment 2	150.00
EDDC Precept 2nd instalment	38893.10
Total of credits pd to current account	39418.42
Co Op savings account	0.00
Nationwide postal a/c interest	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS RECEIVED	39418.42

DDR's

Semcorp bmth	0.00
TOTAL DDR'S	0.00

PAYMENTS MADE IN BETWEEN MEETINGS

Came and Co Annual Insurance renewal	2037.77
Total of Payments made between meetings	2037.77

Cashplus debit card;

	0.00
Total expenditure on Debit Card	0.00

2. Total cash book funds for the Council; £160336.67cr
3. **Cllr Simcock** to carry out next month's financial control checks

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RECREATION GROUND

The following items in relation to the recreation ground were discussed;

1. PC Weekly Inspections Report; Cllr Hibberd report on file. Nothing additional to report to that on annual inspection.
2. **Cllr Hibberd** to carry out weekly inspections for the period 11/10-13/11
3. Annual Inspection of the Play Equipment and associated works
The purchase order for the inspection and maintenance works has been acknowledged and we are currently awaiting a date of when the works will be completed. In the meantime there are some items that are not being carried out by the contractor such as painting some of the equipment. **Cllrs agreed to delegate to the clerk the organising of a local contractor to carry out the works.** The issue of a local odd job man was discussed and the clerk advised she would talk to other East Dorset Clerks
4. Boundary hedge at the tennis courts

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Report circulated.

Cllrs agreed that the clerk to organise a tree inspection of all PC owned trees to include the trees adjacent to the tennis courts not owned by the PC (as this had previously been raised as an issue it was considered that the council now has a duty of care).

Following the inspection, if the trees adjacent to the tennis courts require work to be done then the landowner to be notified to carry out the work in line with the advice given by the PC solicitor (copied to ARA).

If no work is identified then a letter to be sent to the ARA with a copy of the solicitors letter requesting that they deal with the item of overhanging foliage on behalf of the tennis club

5. New Access gate from Foxhill Farm to Alderholt Recreation Ground

Report circulated. Further information since the last minute received from the ARA advising that they are dealing with this issue.

- a) **Cllrs agreed that the previous minute relating to this issue (min ref;161/16.5) be rescinded and the matter handed over to the ARA for them to deal with as they consider appropriate.**
- b) **Cllrs also agreed that clarification of ARA responsibilities should be determined in a letter to the ARA (based on the SLA and Lease) to avoid the Parish Council becoming embroiled in issues that should be dealt with by the ARA (Cllr Smethers to liaise with the clerk)**

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TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Planning Committee Minutes 26th September 2016 and 4th October 2016 circulated and **noted**
2. Policy and Finance Minutes 13th September 2016 circulated and **noted**

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TO CONSIDER REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES, AND EXTERNAL BODIES

1. DAPTC-consideration of motions for AGM-this has not yet been forwarded from DAPTC and therefore any new motions cannot now be considered at a PC meeting in time for the AGM on 5th November. **Cllrs agreed that when the motions are received the decision on voting to be delegated to Cllrs Murton and Hibberd (DAPTC reps who will be attending the AGM) and if they require further clarity from Cllrs this to be done by email**
2. Workshop on Local Gov't Reorganisation 29th September 2016-Cllr Tooke report circulated-to be discussed under Reshaping Your Councils agenda item
3. Best Village Competition 2016 Cllr Hibberd report circulated and **noted**

Cllr Smethers raised the issue about whether the Parish Council representative (Cllr Archer) had been attending the Solar Farm Community Fund meetings. The meeting was

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adjourned at 8.08pm to speak to Norman Jones, a Trustee of the Community Fund. He advised that the representative had not been attending but also that he had not been invited to meetings. The meeting on 11th October was solely for Trustees. The meeting recommenced at 8.12pm. **Cllrs agreed that further clarity should be sought over this to ensure the PC was represented at these meetings.** The clerk advised that she had spoken with the Chairman, James Grazebrook and agreed a future meeting to discuss ways in which the Community Fund and PC could work together to ensure that residents received the best from both groups regards grant distribution.

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TO CONSIDER THE DOCUMENT “HIGHWAYS WORKING TOGETHER”

Report circulated detailing the passing down of services from DCC to Town and Parish Councils in 3 ways; using volunteers/organising additional contractors/buying additional services from DCC.

There are still a lot of issues to sort out with this including legal issues and determining what additional services Alderholt will require. A schedule of existing works specific to Alderholt has already been requested by the clerk.

- 1. Cllrs agreed that the clerk should continue to collate information to report back to Cllrs over the next 6 months**
- 2. Cllrs agreed that Policy and Finance Committee should consider setting aside a Service Devolution Budget in earmarked reserves in the 2017/18 financial budgets to plan for the forthcoming changes.**

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TO CONSIDER THE CONSULTATION “CEDDC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW”

Report circulated and discussed

- 1. Cllrs agreed that a working party be set up with delegated authority to organise and carry out an APC public consultation to determine the opinion of Alderholt residents regarding further development in Alderholt.
Working party members; Cllrs Tooke, Simcock, Murton, Logan and Hibberd
The working party will provide a written report based on the results of the survey to be presented to full council at the March PC meeting in order to provide a response to EDDC for the Local Plan Review by the end of March 2017.**
- 2. Cllrs agreed that the response to the consultation; Local Plan Review should be *that Alderholt Parish Council is in agreement with first stage of the Local Plan Review and that Cllrs have agreed to undertake a parish survey of the village as a whole to determine a more detailed opinion of the future of Alderholt including community attitude to growth. We will therefore be in a position to forward comments back to EDDC by the end of March 2017*
The clerk to respond accordingly and advise Simon Trueick.**



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TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1) Consultation "Reshaping Your Council" www.opinionresearch.co.uk/dorsettc. Cllrs also referred to Cllr Tooke report; Workshop on Local Gov't Reorganisation 29th September 2016.

The consultation was worked through with Cllrs agreeing a joint response to each question. Options 2b and 2c were both responded to as "tend to support" with option 2a being "tend to oppose". Full details to be held on file

Cllrs were also encouraged to complete the questionnaire on an individual basis.

2) Letter from Alderholt riding stables advising that on the 3rd of December the stables would like to hold a live nativity at approximately 4.30 pm. The idea is to start at the Co-op and make their way back to the stables with frequent stops at suitable places along Ringwood Road for adding people to the parade and reading each step of the Christmas story along the way. They aim to have large amounts of lanterns, children, horses and adult helpers and safety is of utmost importance. They are hoping to involve schools and churches and make it a community project. **Cllrs requested that the clerk investigate what is required for this in terms of road closure etc.**

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ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR REPORT ONLY

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Clerks Report

I attended the Daptc annual clerk's seminar on 22nd September which was very informative. Some of the items on tonight's agenda have been taken from this and other topics will be dealt with at Policy and Finance Committee meeting or I will be looking at in more detail over the coming months for future report.

Topics covered;

Highway Maintenance-attended by Andrew Martin< head of Highways, DCC-an agenda item for this meeting

Social Media-useful guidance on an issue for Policy and Finance in the future

GIS Mapping for Town and Parish Councils-a free DCC service that could be of real benefit to the council but needs further time spent on this. I need to investigate further and report back to council in the future for consideration

Emergency plans- for Policy and Finance Committee

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Dorset Community Foundation- a group who are not Gov't funded but which received monies through high net worth individuals, companies and local authorities which is then invested. They allocate funds to groups and report back to investors whilst also monitoring use of the funds. There is currently £6mn sat in Charitable Trusts that is not being spent and they can help with this, particularly for small charities who are struggling. More information available at dorsetcommunityfoundation.org.uk
There is again a risk that Town and Parish councils may have their precepts capped (although this is more likely in the first instance for larger Town Councils). More information available at Council Tax Referendum Principles;
www.nalc.gov.uk/uk/news/entry/659-nalc-warns-parish-will-damage-communities

Christmas Tree

Last year it was agreed on the recommendation of Cranborne Estate, that the village Christmas Tree is chosen earlier (October). *Cllrs are therefore requested to decide which Cllrs are to be responsible for this and to organise decoration of it with the lights when it is delivered in December.*

Best Village Competition Awards

On Tuesday 27th September I went to Cerne Abbas for the prize giving.

Alderholt did not get a prize, but there were a lot of photos of the Recreation ground and the Amanda Harris play area in the presentation. In each class there was only about 3 points between first and last position.

The judges like to see an AED in a village setting and all the winners had these.

There were not that many people in attendance and the winners of a number of classes were not there. Cerne Abbas was a remote venue and could of contributed to the lack of attendance.

Cllr Adrian Hibberd

Alderholt Recreation Association Meeting 14th September 2016

The gate into Fox Hill Farm; The trustees have decided that they are going to take action themselves. So the council has to take no action.

Finance; They have £3876.00 of which £2350 is for the rebuild

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The trustees are keen to engage with the churches so they know when they will be using the recreation ground so their games do not clash with their events

Next meeting 7th December 2016

Cllr Adrian Hibberd Rec rep

Report on DAPTC Workshop on Local Government Reorganisation – 29 Sept 2016

This workshop was attended on behalf of APC by Cllr Adrian Hibberd and Cllr David Tooke. The workshop was part of the consultation exercise being undertaken prior to a decision being taken on how Dorset should respond to the calls, initiated by Central Government, to save money by setting up one or more Unitary Authorities to replace the current 9

Authorities that exist across the county:

Viz:

Dorset County Council

Borough of Poole

Bournemouth Borough Council

Christchurch Borough Council

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council

East Dorset DC

Purbeck DC

North Dorset DC

West Dorset DC

The workshop was carried out by the Opinion Research company employed to gather input from the public and Town and Parish Councils across the County.

The workshop consisted of a series of presentations followed by short discussions on the points raised. It was focused primarily on economic efficiency, and whilst discussed concerns around quality of service and localism were not (in my view) fully included.

The basic economic premise is that Dorset Councils will need to save an additional £82.3 Million between 1st April 2017 and 31 March 2025. Of this total, £51.9 million needs to be found before FY 2019/2020 and the remaining £30.4 million between 2019 and 2025.

The proposals are to divide the County into 2 Unitary Authorities – options to retain all 9, or to create a single County wide Unitary have already been discarded. As have options to create more than 2 Unitaries. All of these options are said to be uneconomic, and would result in at least some of the Unitaries being smaller than Government guidelines recommend.

There were three options proposed as to the make-up of these two Unitaries

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Large Conurbation / Small Rural; This would consist of Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch and East Dorset in one Unitary and the rest of the county in the other.

Medium Conurbation / Medium Rural; This would involve Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch as an urban Unitary, and the rest (including East Dorset) in a rural Unitary.

Small Conurbation / Large Rural; This would involve Bournemouth and Poole as a single urban Unitary and the rest of the County (including Christchurch and East Dorset) as a rural Unitary

A major complication with all of these would be harmonising Council Tax rates across the members of each of the Unitaries to ensure that residents in one Unitary all pay the same based on property banding. It is proposed that this harmonisation would take place over 20 years, which is the maximum allowed and the most economically beneficial.

In terms of benefits for Alderholt residents then option c) would be most economically beneficial, providing the maximum savings (by a considerable margin). However it would mean we were in a weaker position all round because of the inclusion of Christchurch, which would be the dominant element in the Unitary.

In terms of benefits to the County as a whole then Option b) was economically best. In a show of hands at the end of the meeting Option b) was by far the most popular, though since the whole workshop seemed predicated on getting this result I was not surprised.

Cllr David Tooke